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## No. 36

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.d.t.

#### THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

#### PRAYER

HON. JASON DAWKINS, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So today I am going to recite an ancient African ancestral invocation prayer. Two of my young sons attend Sankofa Freedom Academy, which is an Afrocentric school, and before every day they have something that is called the pouring of libations and it is really about honoring those ancestors and those who may not be with us or those who are still present that we are grateful for. So if you will, bow your heads:

My uplifted ancestors, guides, fierce protectors, skilled healers, please stand with me – and you recite your name – child of the beloved – and you speak of your parents. Be with me in this moment, and guide me along my road with a cool head and a clear mind. I am the root of your root, soil of your soil, bone of your bone, and blood of your blood. Not deaf to our sincere cries, nor blind to our honest placations, keep the gifts of our perfect health, wealth, and prosperity close so that we may honor and grow your legacy. I have not forgotten my commitment to our lineage, and I vow to never forget. Thank you. Amen. Ase.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, May 14, 2019, will be postponed until printed.

## BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 696, PN 1850 (Amended) By Rep. MURT

An Act establishing the Senior Citizen Retirement Investment Protection Commission; and providing for its duties.

AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

HB 956, PN 1081

By Rep. MURT

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, further providing for powers and duties of secretary.

AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

## HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 338** By Representatives McCARTER, DALEY, McCLINTON, READSHAW, HILL-EVANS, FRANKEL, DONATUCCI, WILLIAMS, SCHLOSSBERG, BURNS, VITALI, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, FREEMAN, DIGIROLAMO, YOUNGBLOOD, CALTAGIRONE, MARKOSEK, O'MARA, NEILSON, HOWARD and CIRESI

A Resolution designating May 17, 2019, as "Endangered Species Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 15, 2019.

**No. 345** By Representatives STURLA, HARKINS, McCLINTON, FRANKEL, A. DAVIS, MERSKI, ULLMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, OTTEN, ROEBUCK, READSHAW, HILL-EVANS and LONGIETTI

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study to find an age-appropriate measuring tool that could be used by the 500 school districts in this Commonwealth to measure childhood trauma.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 15, 2019.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 942** By Representatives GROVE, JAMES, LONGIETTI, STRUZZI, BERNSTINE, MULLINS, GAYDOS, WHEELAND, KAUFFMAN, JONES, PYLE, SCHMITT, EVERETT, KLUNK, BURNS, KNOWLES, READSHAW, GREINER and DUSH

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for pharmaceutical and therapeutics committee.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, May 15, 2019.

STURLA, No. 959 By Representatives McNEILL. SCHLOSSBERG, FRANKEL, DUNBAR, SOLOMON, KINSEY, A. DAVIS, DeLUCA, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, HARRIS, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, GALLOWAY, KAUFER, ZABEL, HARKINS, MULLINS, HOHENSTEIN, KULIK, DALEY, DONATUCCI, JOHNSON-HARRELL, DEASY, McCLINTON, McCARTER, KIRKLAND, COMITTA, STEPHENS, KORTZ, D. MILLER, SCHWEYER, KIM, OTTEN, DELLOSO and MARKOSEK

An Act imposing a fee on municipalities for services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police; and providing for allocation of funds and for penalties.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 15, 2019.

**No. 1389** By Representatives STURLA, ULLMAN, ISAACSON, OTTEN, KINSEY, HILL-EVANS, NEILSON and SIMS

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, in scope and purpose, further providing for fences along streams.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 15, 2019.

**No. 1419** By Representatives MULLERY, HILL-EVANS, T. DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, A. DAVIS, CALTAGIRONE, KORTZ, YOUNGBLOOD, MILLARD, McCLINTON and GALLOWAY

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing for use of Department of Health surveys or inspections.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, May 15, 2019.

No. 1427 By Representatives SCHLOSSBERG, CALTAGIRONE, CIRESI, A. DAVIS, DELUCA, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MADDEN, McCLINTON, MILLARD, PASHINSKI, READSHAW and SCHWEYER

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing for reporting of surveys and inspections. Referred to Committee on HEALTH, May 15, 2019.

**No. 1464** By Representatives GROVE, METCALFE, BERNSTINE, JAMES, RYAN, PYLE, KAUFFMAN, HERSHEY. IRVIN, ROTHMAN. MOUL, BARRAR, DIAMOND. SIMMONS, MACKENZIE, READSHAW, **KEEFER, BURNS, TOPPER, STEPHENS and SAINATO** 

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other subjects of taxation, providing for prohibited fees, surcharges and taxes relating to food and beverages; and making inconsistent repeals.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, May 15, 2019.

**No. 1466** By Representatives GROVE, READSHAW and SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Governor and other constitutional officers, of the executive board and of the Pennsylvania State Police, providing for State trooper services contractual program.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 15, 2019.

**No. 1469** By Representatives O'NEAL, REESE, ORTITAY, DUNBAR, KAIL, MILLARD, BERNSTINE, TOPPER, SAYLOR, KEEFER, HERSHEY, NELSON, MIHALEK and WALSH

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for spirit expanded permits.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, May 15, 2019.

No. 1470 By Representatives REESE and KEEFER

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for interlocking business prohibited.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, May 15, 2019.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. We are going to go to leaves of absence at this time.

The majority leader reports that Representative NESBIT of Mercer County has requested leave for the day, Representative SANKEY of Clearfield County has requested leave for the day, and Representative BENNINGHOFF of Centre County has requested leave for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip, Representative Jordan Harris, has requested leaves of absence for the following: Representative Joseph HOHENSTEIN of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative Movita JOHNSON-HARRELL of Philadelphia County for the day, and Representative Scott CONKLIN of Centre County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

## MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We are going to proceed to vote on the master roll. Members, please vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

#### PRESENT-194

Domon	Fitzgeneld	Lee
Barrar Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis
Bizzarro	Flynn Frankel	
Boback	Freeman	Longietti Mackenzie
	Fritz	Madden
Borowicz		
Boyle	Gabler	Mako
Bradford	Gainey	Malagari
Briggs	Galloway	Maloney
Brooks	Gaydos	Markosek
Brown	Gillen	Marshall
Bullock	Gillespie	Masser
Burgos	Gleim	Matzie
Burns	Goodman	McCarter
Caltagirone	Gregory	McNeill
Carroll	Greiner	Mehaffie
Causer	Grove	Mentzer
Cephas	Hahn	Merski
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metcalfe
Comitta	Harkins	Metzgar
Cook	Harris	Mihalek
Cox	Heffley	Millard
Culver	Helm	Miller, B.
Cutler	Hennessey	Miller, D.
Daley	Hershey	Mizgorski
Davidson	Hickernell	Moul
Davis, A.	Howard	Mullery
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Mullins
Dawkins	Irvin	Murt
Day	Isaacson	Neilson
Deasy	James	Nelson
DeLissio	Jones	O'Mara
Delloso	Jozwiak	O'Neal
Delozier	Kail	Oberlander
DeLuca	Kaufer	Ortitay
Dermody	Kauffman	Otten
Diamond	Keefer	Owlett
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Pashinski
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Peifer
Dowling	Kenyatta	Petrarca
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett
Dunbar	Kinsey	Polinchock
Dunbar Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric
Ecker	Klunk	
		Pyle
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn
Evans	Kortz	Rabb
Everett	Kosierowski	Rader
Farry	Krueger	Rapp
Fee	Kulik	Ravenstahl
Fiedler	Lawrence	Readshaw

Sainato Samuelson Sanchez Sappey Saylor Schemel Schlossberg Schmitt Schroeder Schweyer Shusterman Simmons Sims Snyder Solomon Sonney Staats Stephens Struzzi Sturla Thomas Tobash Toepel Toohil Topper Ullman Vitali Walsh Warner Warren Webster Wentling Wheatley Wheeland White Williams Youngblood Zabel Zimmerman

Turzai,

Speaker

Reese

Rigby

Roae

Rozzi

Ryan

Roebuck

Rothman

#### ADDITIONS-0

### NOT VOTING-0

### EXCUSED-8

)	Benninghoff Conklin	Cruz Harrell	Hohenstein McClinton	Nesbit Sankey
		LEAV	ES ADDED-6	
r	Cephas Culver	Davidson Dawkins	Gainey	Galloway

The SPEAKER. There are 194 members on the House floor. We have a quorum.

## **GUEST INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum, we welcome Oliver Herndon. Please stand. Oliver is a sophomore attending Bucknell University and is majoring in political science, and he is here today with Representative Tom Mehaffie. Thank you so much for being with us.

In the rear of the House, we have some guests, and I am going to call upon Representative Krueger on unanimous consent, Representative Krueger on unanimous consent, and she has some guests that we are going to introduce here today. I am going to ask members to take their seats because these good individuals have traveled some distance to be with us.

## STATEMENT BY MS. KRUEGER

The SPEAKER. Representative Krueger, please proceed. Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Colleagues, I would like to introduce to you to Mrs. Knight's fourth grade class from Wallingford Elementary School in Delaware County. Boys and girls, can you stand? Thank you, boys and girls.

This class of fourth graders has been working on a civics project for the entire school year, educating themselves about protecting marine life and the ocean, and they were here today to support a resolution that unfortunately is not going to be running on the floor, but they were able to meet with the Governor to make their case. They have gotten quite a lesson this week in how the legislature works.

I want to also thank their superintendent who is here, Dr. Lisa Palmer; their fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Knight; and their principal, Principal Gabriel Savage. This is a class of future leaders. I think some of them may be on the floor someday in our seats. Thank you, boys and girls, for showing us your leadership on protecting the environment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Krueger, thank you, and welcome to these fourth grade students from Wallingford Elementary School. If Dr. Palmer and the teacher, Susan Knight, if you could please stand. Oh, are they - okay; I apologize. Well, thank you so much for being here. I know the students are here, so thank you.

## **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. In the well of the House, we are pleased to welcome guest pages Ethan Wanner and Aidan Wanner. Please stand. They are from Narvon, Pennsylvania, which is in Lancaster County, and they are guests today of Representative David Zimmerman. So let us give them a round of applause.

In the rear of the House, we have their mom, Tamara Wanner – please stand – and Annika and Adia are their siblings, the sisters, and grandmother, Pauline Stevens. Thank you so much for being with us today. We are very honored to have you.

To the left of the rostrum, Kathryn Kirkman, will you please stand. Kathryn, how are you? Please just wave to everybody. Where is Kathryn? Yeah, that is what I thought. Okay. Kathryn is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and previously served as an air refueling and cargo pilot for the United States Air Force. She is the guest today of Representative Chris Rabb. Thank you for your service, and it is an honor to have you here. Thank you so much. Next week she is graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree in social work.

We are going to take the vote on the resolutions shortly, but we have some very special guests here, and I am going to have a member up to the podium to advocate on behalf of HR 329, and he has some very special guests with us today. We are going to close the doors of the House. We are not going to begin until we get everybody seated because we do have some very special guests with us.

Members, if you could come onto the House floor, we would appreciate it. We are going to ask everybody to take their seats, and if you have to have a conversation, please take it off the House floor.

Members, if you could, please take your seats, including those in the back.

#### **STATEMENT BY MR. FARRY**

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Farry is recognized to speak on HR 329. We have not voted on these resolutions yet, so they will be advocating for them, but we have some members with guests.

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to thank my colleagues in advance of their affirmative vote on HR 329, which designates today, May 15, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Arson Dogs Appreciation Day." While we often hear of the great service the men and women in our emergency services provide at these very dangerous fires, quite often we do not hear about the details of what leads to the investigation and, ultimately, conviction of those that commit arson.

In Pennsylvania and all across the country, our arson dogs are silent investigators. The arson dogs, also commonly called accelerant detection canines, are taught through extensive training to sniff out minute traces of accelerants that have been used to start arson fires. Their sense of smell is 100,000 times more acute than a human.

Arson dogs save fire departments and their communities both time and money. These canines locate more accurate evidence samples, reducing the amount of time of costly analysis by laboratories, speeding up investigations, and providing a higher conviction rate. Nationwide with an estimated 31,000 intentionally set structure and vehicle fires in 2017 that resulted in 280 civilian deaths and \$657 million in property damage, it is clear that arson dogs play an important role in public safety efforts.

Joining us today on the House floor, to my left in the Speaker's box, is Bethlehem Detective and Deputy Fire Marshal Doug Nothstein; his wife, Nikki; and arson detection dog Silver. Can we get them a round of applause, please. Please rise.

The SPEAKER. Sir, come on out to the well here for a moment. Is that okay, Representative Farry? Okay.

Mr. FARRY. Silver was added to the detective's department ranks last year and is actually sponsored by State Farm Insurance. She is one of 11 arson dogs in Pennsylvania and aids in fire investigations across the Lehigh Valley. Now, Silver has a pretty significant distinction. Silver was key in actually detecting the evidence that was needed to convict a man who actually lit a church on fire twice in Bethlehem. That was in Bethlehem, correct? Yeah, so Silver did a fantastic job and the individual was actually caught within 72 hours.

The extensive training and hard work of arson dogs in Pennsylvania and across the United States should not go unnoticed and unrecognized. When we break, Silver is actually going to be down in the caucus room and actually do a quick demonstration on how she does her job in finding accelerants. So I encourage you to join us at the break in the caucus room.

In the meantime, I want to thank the detective and Silver and all of the arson dogs not only in Pennsylvania but across the nation that aid our law enforcement with putting these criminals that are committing arson away. The detective will be over in the Speaker's box for anybody who would like to get their photograph with Silver.

So thank you and thank you for being here and the great work you do for our Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

Two other Representatives have guests on their resolutions. Representative Ciresi, HR 191, and he will be advocating for that resolution, and just come right up front, Representative Ciresi. Thank you.

Members, if you could please take your seats. The good Representative has some guests here today.

#### **STATEMENT BY MR. CIRESI**

The SPEAKER. Representative Ciresi.

Mr. CIRESI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is a hard act to follow, following a dog here on the floor that does such great work.

Today my resolution speaks a little bit about history. I have been blessed in the 146th to have the first home, the home of Frederick Muhlenberg. His 230th anniversary was April 1. Some of you may or may not know that Frederick Muhlenberg was elected the first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

He was born in Trappe, Pennsylvania, which resides in my district, and he achieved a number of firsts in his lifetime, including the first Recorder of Wills and Deeds from Montgomery County. Mr. Muhlenberg also built the foundation of the national government and legal system in the first congressional session, passing laws providing for our first census, naturalization, patents, copyrights, and the Bill of Rights, which he was the first to sign. Among the Commonwealth

service, Mr. Muhlenberg also served as Speaker of this chamber and as a delegate to and president of the Pennsylvania convention to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Today I am blessed to have two people here with me whom I have known a long time. Mike Stokes and Janet Stokes are here in the well. Mike is the president of the Muhlenberg Speaker's House and a descendant. I do not know, he is like the great-greatgreat-great-grandson of Mr. Muhlenberg. So thank you for coming today.

On behalf of Mike and Janet, we would like to invite you to Trappe, Pennsylvania, to visit the Muhlenberg estate, and I would like to thank you all for helping sponsor this great resolution, HR 191. Thank you very much.

#### **STATEMENT BY MR. CALTAGIRONE**

The SPEAKER. Representative Caltagirone is recognized to speak on HR 211, and he has some guests with him, and, Representative, you may proceed.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Joining us today are the parents and family of two children, Ayden and Dylan. These brave children died due to the deadly childhood cancer disease DIPG (diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma). Please allow me to introduce these honored guests.

Mr. Speaker, joining us are Dylan's mom, Amanda Spriggs, and his grandparents, Ken and Linda Jones, sitting in the rear. Dylan was loved. He loved dinosaurs, and the 6-year-old courageously fought this disease until his passing in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, also joining us are Ayden's parents, Cathy and Bill Kohler, and his grandmother, Jackie Kohler. Ayden was an avid football player and outdoorsman. Ayden fought against DIPG bravely until he passed away at the age of 10.

Mr. Speaker, these families are here to raise awareness of this horrible disease and the need for more research as we approach National DIPG Day on May 17. We will be adopting a resolution today in memory and in honor of Ayden and Dylan and the many Pennsylvania children that are affected by DIPG.

Mr. Speaker, if I may, with your acceptance, I would ask my fellow members to please stand and offer a moment of silence to pay their respects in memory of these brave children and their loving families.

The SPEAKER. Yes, please. If all members and guests could stand. Thank you very much.

Representative Caltagirone, any other words before we do the moment of silence?

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. God bless this General Assembly and all of its members.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you. Members may be seated.

To those in the back who have family members who have fought this DIPG or you yourselves are, welcome. Thank you for being with us today.

### UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

### **RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. CIRESI called up HR 191, PN 1143, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 230th anniversary of the election of Pennsylvania's Frederick Muhlenberg as the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives on April 1, 2019.

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#### Mr. CALTAGIRONE called up HR 211, PN 1334, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 17, 2019, as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CUTLER called up HR 229, PN 1396, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 15, 2019, as "Trauma Registrars Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. McNEILL called up HR 260, PN 1545, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Huntington's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. McNEILL called up HR 261, PN 1546, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 11, 2019, as "National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BRADFORD called up HR 285, PN 1621, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System on July 1, 2019.

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Mr. BURGOS called up HR 305, PN 1701, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Cancer Caregivers Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring the vital role caregivers play in the lives of cancer patients.

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Ms. TOOHIL called up HR 306, PN 1683, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Postpartum Depression Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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#### Mrs. BULLOCK called up HR 310, PN 1704, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Mental Health Awareness in the Black Community Month" in Pennsylvania.

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#### Mr. WARNER called up HR 313, PN 1707, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as "Food Allergy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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#### Mr. MARKOSEK called up HR 322, PN 1762, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in Pennsylvania.

#### Mr. FARRY called up HR 329, PN 1787, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 15, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Arson Dogs Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania and honoring all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies for their dedicated and tireless service.

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#### Ms. CULVER called up HR 331, PN 1788, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 22, 2019, as "Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day" in Pennsylvania.

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#### Ms. RAPP called up HR 332, PN 1819, entitled:

A Resolution condemning the global persecution of Christians and calling on world leaders to implement policies that protect the religious liberty of Christians and all other faiths within their nations' borders.

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#### Mr. GILLEN called up HR 333, PN 1809, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 19 through 25, 2019, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania.

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#### Ms. O'MARA called up HR 341, PN 1821, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 10, 2019, as "Delco Day" in Pennsylvania.

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#### Mr. RIGBY called up HR 342, PN 1822, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Williams Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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### Mrs. COMITTA called up HR 346, PN 1823, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 23, 2019, as "Teacher Education Day" in Pennsylvania and honoring the outstanding service of teacher educators who prepare teachers for Pennsylvania's classrooms.

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#### Mr. MAKO called up HR 347, PN 1840, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 12, 2019, as "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-194

Barrar	Fitzgerald	Lee	Reese
Bernstine	Flynn	Lewis	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Longietti	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Borowicz	Fritz	Madden	Rothman
Boyle	Gabler	Mako	Rozzi
Bradford	Gainey	Malagari	Ryan
Briggs	Galloway	Maloney	Sainato
Brooks	Gaydos	Markosek	Samuelson
Brown	Gillen	Marshall	Sanchez
Bullock	Gillespie	Masser	
Burgos	Gleim	Matzie	Sappey Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McCarter	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Causer	Grove	Mentzer	Schroeder
		Menski	
Cephas Ciresi	Hahn		Schweyer
	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metzgar	Simmons
Cook	Harris	Mihalek	Sims
Cox	Heffley	Millard	Snyder
Culver	Helm	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cutler	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Sonney
Daley	Hershey	Mizgorski	Staats
Davidson	Hickernell	Moul	Stephens
Davis, A.	Howard	Mullery	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Mullins	Sturla
Dawkins	Irvin	Murt	Thomas
Day	Isaacson	Neilson	Tobash
Deasy	James	Nelson	Toepel
DeLissio	Jones	O'Mara	Toohil
Delloso	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Topper
Delozier	Kail	Oberlander	Ullman
DeLuca	Kaufer	Ortitay	Vitali
Dermody	Kauffman	Otten	Walsh
Diamond	Keefer	Owlett	Warner
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warren
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Webster
Dowling	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wentling
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kinsey	Polinchock	Wheeland
Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric	White
Ecker	Klunk	Pyle	Williams
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn	Youngblood
Evans	Kortz	Rabb	Zabel
Everett	Kosierowski	Rader	Zimmerman
Farry	Krueger	Rapp	
Fee	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fiedler	Lawrence	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-8

Benninghoff	Cruz	Hohenstein	Nesbit
Conklin	Harrell	McClinton	Sankey

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

## **BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 17, PN 1851 (Amended)

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in general provisions, providing for statute of limitation for collection of assessed taxes and for period of limitations on criminal tax prosecutions.

FINANCE.

HB 857, PN 1852 (Amended)

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for contribution for Veterans' Trust Fund.

FINANCE.

#### HB 1222, PN 1570

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending Title 10 (Charities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act and the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act; and making related repeals.

FINANCE.

#### HB 1232, PN 1444

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in additional special funds, providing for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

#### FINANCE.

## PAUL LANDIS AND DAVE LEWIS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to honor two long-serving employees, and I am going to ask them to come up together, if that is okay with them, because they have worked together for quite some time.

I am going to have the Sergeants at Arms close the doors of the House and ask all members to please take their seats. Combined, these two individuals have 69 years of service to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. So if everybody could please take their seats.

Let me tell you a little about each of these outstanding individuals. Dave Lewis – Dave, please raise your hand – and Paul Landis – Paul – both worked in our Capitol Storeroom. That is under the jurisdiction of the Chief Clerk. But understand this, that storeroom is the epicenter of the House operations. If you have not been there, get down there. The amount of activity that they manage for an institution as significant and in many ways, you know, dealing with all the important issues that come up in front of this body over the years and making sure that there is communication with the public, it is not an easy task.

Paul was an assistant supervisor in the storeroom in charge of the daily setup work for guests on the House floor, overseeing all the structural setting up on the House floor for any occasion that occurs in this particular chamber. That is true for conference rooms when you have meetings and other events throughout the Capitol. He also was responsible for all the moves with respect to member offices that happen every 2 years, and as many of you know, that goes on throughout the session. The logistics of running, really, the institution of the House of Representative's structural space has been amongst Paul's responsibilities. His wife, Audrey, is with him to the left. Audrey, if you will stand. Thanks so much for being with us today. We are really honored.

Dave worked in the storeroom and was really in charge of many of the supplies. You can imagine an institution and the supplies that we undertake, and that is not easy keeping us moving in the right direction, and we all have our demands, and these folks down in the storeroom do that. Dave was a big part of that. And they always do it with a smile, always very accommodating with respect to the members and to the staff of members.

Interesting fact about Dave, he was also a member of the 1980 Division 2 Virginia Union's Men's Championship Basketball Team. Boy, we could have used a lot of hoop help in the pickup games some of the members get involved in.

To each of you, we have to thank you so much for your dedication of 35 and 34 years of respective service; your hard work, the dignity and respectability in which you carried out your responsibilities for the functioning of the House of Representatives in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This institution, the members today, and the members in the past, and the citizens of Pennsylvania owe you an enormous amount of gratitude for the dedication you have provided. We salute you and thank you both for a job truly well done. Please give them a standing ovation.

## **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. At this time the Chair calls upon the majority Appropriations chair, Representative Stan Saylor, the majority Appropriations chair, for a committee meeting announcement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room. Again, the Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

## **REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Representative Marcy Toepel for a caucus announcement, please. Representative Toepel.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12 o'clock. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 12:45. Thank you.

## **DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. Representative Jordan Harris, the minority whip, for a caucus announcement, a Democratic caucus announcement.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats will caucus at 12 o'clock; Democrats will caucus at 12 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

### **COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Representative Mark Keller, for a committee announcement, a Commerce Committee announcement.

Mr. M. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Commerce Committee will be conducting a voting meeting in room 205 of the Ryan Office Building to consider HB 1437, HB 1429, HR 248, and HB 719 at 11:45 today.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Commerce Committee will have a voting meeting in room 205 of the Ryan Office Building at 11:45 today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Farry has invited members after the Appropriations Committee meeting to come and visit with Silver, the arson dog. He will be performing in the majority caucus room after the Appropriations meeting.

If any of these members wish to speak right now, I realize some members are leaving off the floor, but there are a lot of members who want to speak on resolutions today. If any of these members wish to speak right now, I will stay up here on the rostrum. Representative Toohil and Representative Schlossberg – and we can do it later, if you want; that is fine too; I can do it at the end of session – Representative Rapp, Representative McNeill, Representative Gillen, Representative Bradford, Representative Warner, Representative O'Mara, Representative Comitta, Representative Mako. If any of you would like to do your remarks right now, of course we will remain on screen with respect to public, you know, PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network), and I will stay here while you have an opportunity to give those remarks. Other members may stay as well. And Representative Mihalek, too? Okay.

So, members, I am going to ask you to take your seats. Members, I am going to ask you to take your seats.

Any members who do wish to speak, just come right up front and sit in the front row and I will call you. If anybody wishes to exit, now is the time, but otherwise I am going to close the doors for those that will remain for the remarks. Sergeants at Arms, if you could, close the doors of the House. Members, if you could, please take your seats.

We are going to begin on HR 306, Postpartum Depression Awareness Month. We are going to begin with Representative Schlossberg, followed by Representative Toohil, and then followed by Representative Mihalek.

## STATEMENT BY MR. SCHLOSSBERG

The SPEAKER. Representative Schlossberg, the floor is yours.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We rise today to help join in declaring May "Postpartum Depression Month." We know that a very significant amount of new mothers suffer from some sort of postpartum depression, but we also know that of all the mothers who suffer, a mere 15 percent actually seek and receive treatment for what can be a debilitating and very highly damaging disorder. There should be no shame and no stigma to any mother who suffers after the birth of their newborn son or daughter.

There are a variety of symptoms involved when you suffer from postpartum depression, including, of course, depression, being lethargic, general feeling of down, and feeling disconnected from your newborn child. This is something that is very severe. It can really damage a mother's long-term health, and just as importantly, damage the health of her infant, and that is why it is so important that we get the word out about postpartum depression, and remember that it is an eminently treatable disorder. With treatment, medication, and therapy, a mother can be cured from postpartum and can go on to live a long and happy, productive life with her new child, and that is why I am so proud to stand here today joined by my colleagues in declaring May to be "Postpartum Depression Month."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## STATEMENT BY MS. MIHALEK

The SPEAKER. Representative Mihalek.

Ms. MIHALEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to one in five women experience postpartum depression, but actually only 15 percent will seek help. Postpartum depression is the most common complication of childbirth. If left untreated, there can be serious complications for moms, babies, and families. Consequences include disruption to the mother-baby bonding, interruption to the infant's development, family and relationship conflicts, and in serious cases, suicide or infanticide.

The best way to combat this illness is to educate the community, raise awareness, and provide screening to identify those who may be at a higher risk. I thank my colleagues for recognizing the month of May as "Postpartum Depression Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

### STATEMENT BY MS. TOOHIL

The SPEAKER. Representative Toohil.

Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today is commemoration of Postpartum Depression Awareness Month, and we are trying to spread the word and reduce stigma regarding postpartum depression. Research by the American Psychological Association shows that 15 percent of new mothers suffer from postpartum depression. This is also considered a secret type of depression. This means that 21,000 babies in Pennsylvania and their mothers are annually affected by this disorder. Mothers have a very hard time identifying themselves when they are going through it, and since there is not enough information out there for families, families have a hard time identifying when a new mother is undergoing or dealing with postpartum depression.

And according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a baby's brain development can be adversely affected when a mother suffers from postpartum. The depression can eventually interfere with a mother's ability to care for her baby and handle daily tasks. Likewise, there is an increased danger for child abuse and neglect. This increases the cost of medical care to both a baby and mother as well as creates a plethora of issues in society. Missing the signs of postpartum depression can have an impact on a baby for a lifetime.

We ask the members of this House to please vote affirmatively on this House resolution and to please spread the word on your social media under #StrongMomStrongBaby. Thank you for your support, colleagues.

### STATEMENT BY MR. MAKO

The SPEAKER. Representative Zach Mako is welcomed now to speak on HR 347, National Guard Day.

Mr. MAKO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to thank my colleagues for the unanimous vote declaring June 12, 2019, "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania.

As a proud member of the Pennsylvania National Guard for more than a decade, it is an honor for me to once again be the prime sponsor on this resolution. The relationship between the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Pennsylvania National Guard dates back more than 260 years. In 1755 the General Assembly passed the Militia Act, laying the legal foundation for the militia, which is our Pennsylvania National Guard.

Today the almost 19,000-member Pennsylvania National Guard is one of the largest and most deployed forces in the nation, and the only National Guard that has a Stryker brigade. In fact, as many of you may know, our colleague, Rep. Matt Gabler, was just deployed last year to the Middle East as part of the 28th Infantry Division, or ID, Headquarters, the oldest division in the United States Army. So, Matt, thank you for your service, and we are so happy that you returned safely.

I also want to recognize Representative Andrew Lewis, who recently reenlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard, so thank you, sir, for your service to the Commonwealth and the nation as well. Thank you, sir.

Pennsylvania guardsmen and women have served with honor and engaged in every conflict that this nation has faced in our history, from the American Revolution to Operation Enduring Freedom. On the home front too, the Pennsylvania National Guard shoulders heavy responsibilities, from disaster relief and flood responsibility to security for high-profile events. While members of the Pennsylvania National Guard receive recognition and thanks, I would also like to acknowledge the families; the husbands, wives, parents, children of the National Guard members who also sacrifice so that their loved ones can serve. They worry daily about the safety and must take on added responsibilities during the deployments and their training. So we are fortunate to have such a highly trained National Guard and supportive families for the members in this Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, the National Guard always stands ready, whether domestically or internationally, and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve my nation and my Commonwealth in this distinguished corps. Thank you to the members of the General Assembly for your commitment to the National Guard, and we appreciate the support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mako, I have a question just for a second before we let you go. Tell us about your own particular service with respect to the Guard.

Mr. MAKO. I can do that, Mr. Speaker.

So my service, I have been in the Pennsylvania National Guard since January of 2008. I am currently in Bravo Company 2/104th as a Chinook helicopter pilot in the Pennsylvania National Guard out of Fort Indiantown Gap.

The SPEAKER. Thank you so much for your service, sir. Mr. MAKO. Yes, sir.

#### STATEMENT BY MS. BOBACK

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Karen Boback, the chair of our Children and Youth Committee, will be speaking on HR 325.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, colleagues, for your support of HR 325, which recognizes May 2019 as "Global Youth Traffic Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.

Each May, spring is in the air, as are plans to hit the highway with great anticipation. There are high school proms, senior class trips, high school and college graduations, and for a fortunate few, early starts to summer vacations.

More traffic volume, especially among our young people, brings about an increased awareness of the possibility for traffic accidents. HR 325 is essentially a joint statement by the General Assembly, along with the National Safety Council, Pennsylvania Teen Safety Driving Coalition, and Pennsylvania DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Association, also Pennsylvania Students Against Drunk Driving, and the purpose is to remind all of us of the role we need to play in encouraging safe driving habits and educating both the youth and their families about youth traffic safety.

I appreciate your support and encourage you to realize the job that we have ahead of us protecting each and every one of us on the highways.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Boback, thank you so much.

### STATEMENT BY MR. GILLEN

The SPEAKER. Representative Mark Gillen is now recognized to speak on HR 333, Emergency Medical Services Week.

Mr. GILLEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to draw all of our attention to a very important week.

If I were to ask any significant gathering of people to share their experience with emergency medical services, it would be by virtue of a personal illustration or a crossroad or intersection that they had with emergency medical services. I have had multiple intersections of that sort in life's highway. Two of my children were medevacked from Reading Hospital to the Hershey Medical Center, and there was a night where not only did my wife need an ambulance, two ambulances, and we make hundreds of millions of 911 calls as a people, as a country, and we reliably expect, and it is delivered to us, professional service, courteous, as well as expertise in medical arenas. And if I can say something to my colleagues in the State legislature, there is a cost that comes with excellence in emergency medical services.

We have looked at reimbursement rates, we have looked at augmenting the finances of our emergency medical services, and they are indeed under pressure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and at other locales throughout the nation, and so as we think of the quality of care that is delivered to us as we relate our own personal experiences, it helps us all to realize that there is a cost that comes with it, there is a commitment that comes with it, and each and every year I think we ought to pause and to acknowledge a week set apart for our emergency first responders.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Gillen. Thank you.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 12:45, 12:45 p.m. The House will stand in recess until 12:45 p.m. Thank you.

### **RECESS EXTENDED**

The time of recess was extended until 1 p.m.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Lynda CULVER has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative CEPHAS, Representative DAWKINS, and Representative GALLOWAY have requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MALAGARI**

The SPEAKER. Representative Steve Malagari is recognized on unanimous consent at the front podium here.

Mr. MALAGARI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just before we came back to reconvene, I was on the phone with an individual who served in this House for 36 years. Born May 15, 1933, former Representative Robert W. Godshall has a birthday today and he shares it with Representative Mike Schlossberg.

So on behalf of the people of the 53d District, for your 36 years of service, I wanted to thank Representative Godshall for his service to our district and wish him a very, very happy birthday, 86 years now. Thank you for your service and we really do appreciate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the time that you have given me to wish Representative Godshall a very happy birthday today, so thank you very much. The SPEAKER. Mr. Chair, hopefully you are watching. Representative Malagari, thank you. Mr. Chairman Godshall, happy birthday to you.

#### **BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 102, PN 101

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for eligibility for license.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 770, PN 843

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for pharmacy technician and pharmacy technician trainee registration, qualifications and supervision.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1037, PN 1836

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for application; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1172, PN 1781

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for licensure by endorsement.

APPROPRIATIONS.

## **BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 719, PN 756

By Rep. M. KELLER

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, further providing for Second Stage Loan Program.

COMMERCE.

HB 1429, PN 1768

By Rep. M. KELLER

An Act amending the act of January 30, 1974 (P.L.13, No.6), referred to as the Loan Interest and Protection Law, in protective provisions, further providing for notice of intention to foreclose.

COMMERCE.

### HB 1437, PN 1775

By Rep. M. KELLER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in rural jobs and investment tax credit, further providing for definitions, for rural growth funds, for requirements, for rural growth fund failure to comply, for reporting obligations, for business firms, for tax credit certificates, for claiming the tax credit, for prohibitions, for revocation of tax credit certificates and for exit.

COMMERCE.

## **RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 248, PN 1853 (Amended)

By Rep. M. KELLER

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on Trade.

COMMERCE.

#### CALENDAR

### **BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1350**, **PN 1644**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure; and making an appropriation from a restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Ms. TOOHIL offered the following amendment A01397:

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 5 and 6 Section 7.1. (a) The Pennsylvania State University shall provide a free tuition, room and board waiver to a foster child declared dependent after the age of 14. This shall also include youth who are currently in foster care or residing with a resource family and who are 16 to 21 years of age. Individuals between 16 and 21 years of age who are under the care and who are the responsibility of a child welfare agency shall be eligible for this waiver program. The program shall be called the "Foster Care Tuition, Room and Board Waiver Program."

(b) The foster care tuition, room and board waiver shall have subtracted from it the amount of any Federal grants, State grants or other scholarships or grants that the individual receives. An individual shall receive a fostering independence waiver under this act for five years, whether or not consecutive, or until the individual reaches 26 years of age, whichever occurs first, as long as the individual remains eligible.

(c) To receive a foster care tuition, room and board waiver under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Be at least 14 years of age but under 26 years of age and be in or have been in substitute care in this Commonwealth for at least six months before, on or after the effective date of this section, including any of the following:

(i) Placement in substitute care as a dependent child at any time while 14 years of age or older.

(ii) Adoption at any time after reaching 14 years of age from substitute care as a dependent child.

(iii) Placement with a permanent legal custodian at any time after reaching 14 years of age from substitute care as a dependent child.

(2) Have graduated from high school or received a Commonwealth secondary school diploma or another equivalent approved by the Department of Education.

(3) Have been accepted for admission to, or be currently attending, an institution of higher education.

(4) Have maintained satisfactory progress after admission as defined by the institution of higher education attended.

(5) Have applied for all available Federal and State grants.

(6) Currently reside in this Commonwealth.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Representative Toohil, you are recognized. Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the information of the members, this amendment is extremely important. So we have the Penn State appropriation in HB 1350, it is \$260 million, and it is nice that you brought up the Penn State bill first because it is actually my favorite because I attended Penn State, and so I am Penn State proud, and what we are asking for here is for children that are foster youth, they have been wards of the State, that they would be able to go to college and that they would have free tuition and room and board and that that would be paid for. So there are many other States that provide this for their foster youth. We do not provide this. We do not provide a lot for these youth. We actually fail them in the system many times with a broken, cyclical system that is underutilized, underfunded. It is broken in many areas with the social workers, not having enough social workers, social workers being underpaid, not having quality foster homes.

We have high amounts of these youth that end up in congregate care. So they are not even getting the chance. The youth that we had here this week with us, foster youth, they do not get this chance. College is not even an option for many of them. So we have 8,639 youth that are transition-age youth in Pennsylvania. So out of the 25,000 foster children, 8,639 of them are the youth that are transition-age that should be thinking about college or career and technical, but unfortunately, only 75 percent of them earn a GED (general equivalency diploma) or high school diploma, compared to 92 percent of their peers that are non-foster care. We have 37 percent of this group that we are talking about.

This group is our responsibility. They were wards of the State or currently are wards of the State. This group, 37 percent of them experience homelessness or unstable housing. It is completely unacceptable, and they have potential and they deserve that they could get their foot in the door, get accepted at a college. You are not going to help them with that, but when they do get there, that you would be allowing them stable housing – housing, food. It is so important.

And I am not going to speak on all of the bills that we have this amendment to. There is so much work for us to do in this area, and so Penn State is a great example. Penn State only has, out of the enormous amount of funding they are getting and then the enormous amount of students that they have, they have a huge student population, they only have 17 students that are foster youth, 17 in the entire State of Pennsylvania, and that would coincide with this terrible statistic that we have, that 3 percent of foster youth ever even attend college. That is not even a graduation rate. It is completely unacceptable, Mr. Speaker.

I look forward to working with all of you on this issue, and these are our children and they deserve the opportunities that our own children get at home with us, with our families, and I hope that someday we will all be passing an affirmative vote on an amendment just like this that would have tuition, food, and housing, it would all be included.

### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Ms. TOOHIL. I do have to withdraw the amendment at this time, which I know some members are really excited to vote on this and we are gaining steam on this issue, and I look forward to working on this with all colleagues in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Toohil. There are no other amendments on HB 1350, PN 1644.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1351**, **PN 1645**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), known as the University of Pittsburgh–Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. There is one amendment. It is 01392 filed by Representative Tarah Toohil.

Representative Toohil, will that be withdrawn? Yes. Thank you. There are no other amendments.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Hopefully, you know, some of the universities are following us today and heard the good Representative's remarks.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1352**, **PN 1646**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), known as the Temple University–Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. Representative Toohil has amendment 01399, and that has been withdrawn. There are no other amendments.

On the question recurring, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1353**, **PN 1647**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), known as the Lincoln University-Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; providing for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated; and providing for certain fiscal information disclosure.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. Representative Toohil has amendment 01400. That has been withdrawn. There are no other amendments.

On the question recurring, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1354**, **PN 1648**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. There is an amendment filed by Representative Toohil, 01401. That amendment has been withdrawn. There are no other amendments.

On the question recurring, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1367**, **PN 1658**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to. \* \* \*

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1368**, **PN 1659**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1369**, **PN 1660**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1370**, **PN 1661**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration **HB 1371**, **PN 1662**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1372**, **PN 1663**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1373**, **PN 1664**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1374**, **PN 1665**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1375**, **PN 1666**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 732**, **PN 960**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in realty transfer tax, further providing for excluded transactions.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1283**, **PN 1804**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 40 (Insurance) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for insurance contracts; and, in judgments and other liens, further providing for exemption of particular property.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. MOUL offered the following amendment No. A01393:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "Titles 40 (Insurance) and" and inserting

Title

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out "providing for insurance contracts; and,"

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 through 19; page 2, lines 1 through 30; page 3, lines 1 and 2; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Section 8124(b)(1) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 6, by striking out " $\underline{\text{or } (3)}$ "

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 25 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 4, line 5, by striking out "3" and inserting 2

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

#### AMENDMENT PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. We are going to just briefly go over that amendment. We are going to do Representative Harkins' amendment first. My apologies.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **HARKINS** offered the following amendment No. **A01376:** 

Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by inserting after "<u>benefits</u>" <u>or deferred wages</u>

Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by inserting after "<u>contract.</u>" <u>In determining the financial strength of an insurer, the</u>

commissioner may consider whether a professional or transactional fee associated with a contract is materially detrimental financially to the employees or retirees whose retirement benefits are being funded by the contract. The commissioner is authorized to limit or deny a professional or transactional fee associated with a contract prior to making the determination as required by subsection (b).

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 28 and 29 (c) Deemed wages and deemed employer.–Prospective periodic payments of annuity benefits by an insurer pursuant to a contract shall be deemed wages, and the insurer shall be deemed the employer. For purposes of this subsection, the terms "employer" and "wages" shall be as defined under section 2.1 of the act of July 14, 1961 (P.L.637, No.329), known as the Wage Payment and Collection Law.

On the question, Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Pat Harkins is recognized.

Mr. HARKINS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 1376 restores some protections for workers' pension benefits. Pension and pension benefits are wages that are set aside to use after a lifetime of work. Therefore, these wages must, at a minimum, always be entitled to the same protections as all other wages. The Employee Retirement Income Security Act, ERISA, was prompted by countless cases of inadequately funded pension plans. They were pension plans that were so poorly funded that employees lost some or all of their deferred wages. Furthermore, it is important to note that the only reason we are even considering this bill right now is because activist judges have allowed pension plan sponsors to move the pensions into annuities. My concern is that HB 1283 will facilitate the removal of workers' deferred wages from ERISA's protections. My amendment addresses the issues by restoring some worker protections.

I know that the committee has worked very hard to assure additional protections, which I greatly appreciate. I believe that my amendment furthers this goal and the goal of this esteemed body, to ensure the retirement security of our constituents who depend on these benefits after a lifetime of hard work. I urge the members to support this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Moul, on the amendment.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just so that we are all clear as to what the bill does and the gist of this bill. We just heard about an amendment that protects workers' wages, i.e., employees. Those pension systems are already protected federally by ERISA. Okay. So this bill has zero to do with employees' pensions, only management's pensions. Let us get that real clear right up front. When you put the amendment, the gentleman's amendment into the bill, it actually on page 2, line 11, talks about making them deferred wages. When you go to page 3 and get the definition of "deemed wages and deemed employer," it literally turns their pension - can turn their pension payments and those annuities into wages, and in Pennsylvania, pension payment annuities are not taxable but wages are. So in this case, I am going to have to strongly say I am opposed to this amendment. Not only am I opposed to this amendment, but our own Insurance Department and the Insurance Federation strongly oppose this amendment.

I would encourage a "no" vote on the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Harkins, for a second time. Waives off.

On the question recurring, Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-88

Bizzarro Boyle Bradford Briggs Bullock Burgos Burns Caltagirone Carroll Ciresi Comitta Daley Davidson Davis, A. Davis, T. Deasy DeLissio Delloso DeLuca Dermody DiGirolamo Donatucci

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#### NAYS-102

Barrar	Gleim	Maloney	Roae
Bernstine	Gregory	Marshall	Rothman
Boback	Greiner	Masser	Ryan
Borowicz	Grove	Mentzer	Saylor
Brooks	Hahn	Metcalfe	Schemel
Brown	Heffley	Metzgar	Schmitt
Causer	Helm	Mihalek	Schroeder
Cook	Hennessey	Millard	Simmons
Cox	Hershey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cutler	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Staats
Day	Irvin	Moul	Stephens
Delozier	James	Nelson	Struzzi
Diamond	Jones	O'Neal	Thomas
Dowling	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Tobash
Dunbar	Kail	Ortitay	Toepel
Dush	Kaufer	Owlett	Toohil
Ecker	Kauffman	Peifer	Topper
Emrick	Keefer	Pickett	Walsh
Everett	Keller, F.	Polinchock	Warner
Farry	Keller, M.K.	Puskaric	Wentling
Fee	Klunk	Pyle	Wheeland
Fritz	Knowles	Quinn	White
Gabler	Lawrence	Rader	Zimmerman
Gaydos	Lewis	Rapp	
Gillen	Mackenzie	Reese	Turzai,
Gillespie	Mako	Rigby	Speaker

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-12

Benninghoff	Cruz	Galloway	McClinton
Cephas	Culver	Harrell	Nesbit
Conklin	Dawkins	Hohenstein	Sankey

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT A01393 CONTINUED

The clerk read the following amendment No. A01393:

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Amend Bill, page 4, line 5, by striking out "3" and inserting 2

On the question recurring, Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Moul, on the amendment, and then I will call on Representative DeLuca.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 1393 seeks to ensure that a creditor's judgment or lien cannot be filed against a company's pension, if it now has a third-party administrator or payor. Large corporations in recent years have been shedding their management-level retirement benefit risk by buying annuities from a third-party administrator and payout. But the money loses its Federal Employee Retirement Income Act protection. That is the ERISA judgment. This bill will protect that pot of money – or this amendment will protect that pot of money from creditors' judgment to ensure that it is available for all pensioners. My amendment is strongly supported by the Insurance Department and the Insurance Federation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Tony DeLuca, on the amendment.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this amendment as drafted. This amendment removes an agreed-to amendment that was unanimously adopted in committee to better protect the workers who have had their pensions moved to a group annuity. Again, it removes that critical language unanimously passed by the Insurance Committee, without one "no" vote. This amendment even removes original language drafted to the bill by the maker of the bill, that also protected the workers.

I cannot support this amendment and would ask the members to vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Tobash, on the amendment.

Mr. TOBASH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill was voted in the prior session and it was voted unanimously by this body, and this amendment simply takes it back to that original language from the last session. The current bill, as amended, requires its solvency testing that the department **LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL—HOUSE** 

does not support and duplicates testing that is done by every other State where these companies are domiciled, and it is really not needed. The third point is, without this amendment, the bill also carries a huge regulatory requirement on every transaction that the department also does not support. So I rise in favor of this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Tina Pickett, on the amendment.

Ms. PICKETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support Representative Moul's amendment and to also agree with the information that Representative Tobash just gave us. Thank you.

On the question recurring, Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-102

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Speaker

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Zimmerman

Rothman

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Brooks	Hahn
Brown	Heffley
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Cox	Hershey
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Diamond	Jones
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Dunbar	Kail
Dush	Kaufer
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Farry	Keller, N
Fee	Klunk
Fritz	Knowles
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Gaydos	Lewis
Gillen	Macken
Gillespie	Mako
Bizzarro	Driscoll

Gregory Marshall Greiner Masser Mentzer Metcalfe Heffley Metzgar Mihalek Hennessey Millard Hershev Miller, B. Hickernell Mizgorski Moul Murt Nelson Jozwiak O'Neal Oberlander Kaufer Ortitay Kauffman Owleft Keefer Peifer Keller F Pickett Keller, M.K. Polinchock Puskaric Knowles Pyle Lawrence Quinn Rader Mackenzie Rapp Reese

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## NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-12

Benninghoff Cephas Conklin

Galloway Harrell Hohenstein

McClinton Nesbit Sankey

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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Culver

Dawkins

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 869, PN 1755, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for refunds.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mrs. KOSIEROWSKI offered the following amendment No. A01408:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 3 and 4 (i) Reimbursements shall be made upon a form furnished and prescribed by the department. Amend Bill, page 3, line 4, by striking out "(I)" and inserting (ii) Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 6 and 7 (iii) A claim for reimbursement must be supported by sales receipts and the date of purchase, seller's name and address, number of gallons purchased, fuel type, description of the ready mix concrete machinery, a statement that the liquid fuels for reimbursement have been used only for the purpose for which reimbursements are permitted, price per gallon or total amount of sale, unit numbers and the purchaser's name. The department may specify other documentation that the department will accept in lieu of sales receipts. For withdrawals from claimant-owned tax-paid bulk storage, the claim must be supported by detailed records of the date of withdrawal, number of gallons, fuel type, unit number and purchase and inventory records to substantiate that the tax was paid on all bulk purchases. Amend Bill, page 3, line 7, by striking out "(II)" and inserting (iv)

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 11 through 14, by striking out all of said lines

On the question, Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Representative Kosierowski, you may please speak on the amendment.

Mrs. KOSIEROWSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment clarifies what specific documentation is required to file for a claim for reimbursement under the bill. The amendment also addresses what documents are required in instances where the liquid fuel is from claimant-owned tax-paid bulk storage. It is my understanding that this amendment is agreed to by the prime sponsor.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mackenzie, sir.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendment is agreed to. I would like to thank the previous speaker for the amendment. I think it actually improves the bill. And I would also like to thank both the minority and majority chairmen for their work on getting it to this point and working us through the amendment process.

So again, I would appreciate support on this amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring, Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Ciresi
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Cox
Cox Cutler
Daley
Davidson
Davis, A.
Davis, T. Day
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Deasy
DeLissio
Delloso
Delozier
Delozier DeLuca
Dermody
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Dowling
Driscoll
Dunbar
Dush
Ecker
Emrick
Evans
Everett
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Fee

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Gabler	Mako	Rothman		
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Gillen	Markosek	Sainato		
Gillespie	Marshall	Samuelson		
Gleim	Masser Matzie	Sanchez		
Goodman Gregory	McCarter	Sappey Saylor		
Greiner	McNeill	Schemel		
Grove	Mehaffie	Schlossberg		
Hahn	Mentzer	Schmitt		
Hanbidge	Merski	Schroeder		
Harkins Harris	Metcalfe	Schweyer Shusterman		
Heffley	Metzgar Mihalek	Simmons		
Helm	Millard	Sims		
Hennessey	Miller, B.	Snyder		
Hershey	Miller, D.	Solomon		
Hickernell	Mizgorski	Sonney		
Howard	Moul Mullery	Staats		
Innamorato Irvin	Mullins	Stephens Struzzi		
Isaacson	Murt	Sturla		
James	Neilson	Thomas		
Jones	Nelson	Tobash		
Jozwiak	O'Mara	Toepel		
Kail Kaufer	O'Neal Oberlander	Toohil		
Kauffman	Ortitay	Topper Ullman		
Keefer	Otten	Vitali		
Keller, F.	Owlett	Walsh		
Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Warner		
Kenyatta	Peifer	Warren		
Kim Kinsey	Petrarca Pickett	Webster Wentling		
Kirkland	Polinchock	Wheatley		
Klunk	Puskaric	Wheeland		
Knowles	Pyle	White		
Kortz	Quinn	Williams		
Kosierowski	Rabb	Youngblood		
Krueger Kulik	Rader	Zabel Zimmerman		
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### EXCUSED-12

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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 1387, PN 1691, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2016 over the Casselman River in Rockwood Borough, Somerset County, as the PFC Alton Glenn Sterner Memorial Bridge.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 1388, PN 1692, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 96 over the Little Wills Creek, Bedford County, as the Staff Sgt. Roger (Rod) Guy Holler Memorial Bridge.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 630, PN 625, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in military leave of absence, further providing for employment discrimination for military membership or duty.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

**McClinton** 

Nesbit

Sankey

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1050**, **PN 1779**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled "An act conferring limited residency status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania," further providing for residency of students.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

## **BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1196**, **PN 1498**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, making editorial changes.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration? Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-190

Barrar	Frankel	Longietti	Rigby
Bernstine	Freeman	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Fritz	Madden	Roebuck
Boback	Gabler	Mako	Rothman
Borowicz	Gainey	Malagari	Rozzi
Boyle	Gaydos	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Gillen	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Gillespie	Marshall	Samuelson
Brooks	Gleim	Masser	Sanchez
Brown	Goodman	Matzie	Sappey
Bullock	Gregory	McCarter	Saylor
Burgos	Greiner	McNeill	Schemel
Burns	Grove	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Caltagirone	Hahn	Mentzer	Schmitt
Carroll	Hanbidge	Merski	Schroeder
Causer	Harkins	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Harris	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Heffley	Mihalek	Simmons
Cook	Helm	Millard	Sims
Cox	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cutler	Hershey	Miller, D.	Solomon
Daley	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Sonney
Davidson	Howard	Moul	Staats
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Mullery	Stephens
Davis, T.	Irvin	Mullins	Struzzi
Day	Isaacson	Murt	Sturla
Deasy	James	Neilson	Thomas
DeLissio	Jones	Nelson	Tobash
Delloso	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Toepel
Delozier	Kail	O'Neal	Toohil
DeLuca	Kaufer	Oberlander	Topper
Dermody	Kauffman	Ortitay	Ullman
Diamond	Keefer	Otten	Vitali

DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Owlett	Walsh
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Warner
Dowling	Kenyatta	Peifer	Warren
Driscoll	Kim	Petrarca	Webster
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pickett	Wentling
Dush	Kirkland	Polinchock	Wheatley
Ecker	Klunk	Puskaric	Wheeland
Emrick	Knowles	Pyle	White
Evans	Kortz	Quinn	Williams
Everett	Kosierowski	Rabb	Youngblood
Farry	Krueger	Rader	Zabel
Fee	Kulik	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fiedler	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	
Fitzgerald	Lee	Readshaw	Turzai,
Flynn	Lewis	Reese	Speaker
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#### NAYS-0

### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-12

Benninghoff	Cruz	Galloway	McClinton
Cephas	Culver	Harrell	Nesbit
Conklin	Dawkins	Hohenstein	Sankey

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

### **BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 102**, **PN 101**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for eligibility for license.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration? Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

I see Representative Vitali is standing. Representative Vitali— Oh, I apologize. First, Representative Vitali, then Representative Ciresi.

Representative Vitali, you may proceed.

Mr. VITALI. I will defer to my fellow – my former school board member to make this argument.

The SPEAKER. Representative Ciresi, on the bill.

Mr. CIRESI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Representative.

Today I stand in opposition to this bill, not for what they want to do in the school, but I do not think it is fair to mandate to a school district, once again, use of their facility. Every district has a use of facility policy that they go by. To tell them that one group has to have preference or has to get into that building is not fair. That means that if we allow – if we are going to do this, I feel we should do it for EMS (emergency medical services), our fire departments, military, anyone else. I think it is only fair to say that if these people want to use the building, they have an opportunity to use a public building, they apply like everyone else applies, they pay the fee, and they move on. To mandate this, I think, is the wrong move, and I would ask everyone to oppose this bill.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bill Kortz, on the bill, sir.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this measure and I want to thank the good gentleman from Berks County for bringing it to the House floor.

Mr. Speaker, this bill helps to solve a problem. It helps to solve a problem where we might not have a facility to help teach hunter safety. It is the exception and not the rule. I want to make that clear. In the west we have enough sportsmen's groups, we have enough halls where we can have those classes and get through to the children and teach them about hunter safety. There are a couple places in the State where they do not have that opportunity. This will allow them to use that facility.

And if I may offer just a personal story, my father, when he was 70 years old – he is passed now – but when he was 70, he took a class in auto mechanics and bodywork at McKeesport High School. I myself, about 20 years ago, took a bunch of the adult program study classes at Steel Valley High School. So there are things that are offered at these various public schools. This is just a way to help teach children about hunter safety.

And I want to make it very clear that there are no live guns going into these schools. Again, it is the exception and not the rule, and we should do this and teach our children that want to learn how to hunt the safety behind it. Keep in mind that last year there were about 35,000 children that went through the hunter safety classes.

And I want to also make clear that the Game Commission is going to compensate the school for the usage of their facilities and it will never happen during school hours. It will be on the weekends or off hours.

So I would appreciate a positive vote. This is a commonsense proposal.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Keith Gillespie, on the bill, sir.

Mr. GILLESPIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HB 102. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is in desperate need of facilities to hold classes for an extensive backlog of those waiting to take a hunter education course. This bill will allow for additional courses and venues, resulting in education for those patiently waiting for this training.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Gillespie.

Representative Greg Vitali, on the bill.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, I have no problems with hunting and I have no problems with hunter education classes in our public schools, but there is a very important point here and that is the issue of local control. The constituents who elect us also elect school board directors, and they elect them to make decisions relating to public schools. They elect them who are close to the situation, close to the particular school district, with knowledge of the facilities, knowledge of the local situation, knowledge of the groups, knowledge of the availability in their particular schools. They elect them to make these decisions. So I would suggest that that is a decision, the decision as to whether, in any particular case, to allow hunting classes in a particular school is up to the elected officials close to the situation who our constituents elect. This is not an issue about whether hunting is good or bad, or hunting education is good or bad, or whether hunting classes should be in schools. This is a matter of local control and letting elected officials closest to the situation make those decisions, those who know the facts and circumstances of the particular school districts the best, not us, not big government from Harrisburg trying to impose our will on the people, the local people of our communities. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Maloney, on the bill.

Mr. MALONEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I really appreciate the support, both sides of the aisle. I was a former school director, I was that local control, I was actually the policy chairman, and I can tell you, sir, and to my colleagues, that some of the policy that blocked the access to the very people who elected those people in that school district is why I am here today.

And so as we have heard about this need and the continued need, and for some of the areas that may be in different geographical areas of the State, as my good friend from the west stated, there is a tremendous need. And actually, I really have not received any opposition to this, being that everything will be paid for, all the negotiations have been completed, any fee facility will be taken care of by the commission, and our children and mentors and those that might be legislators under the new mentoring program could come.

And so I see it as a pretty big positive for the Commonwealth, and I would appreciate your support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Margo DAVIDSON has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

### **CONSIDERATION OF HB 102 CONTINUED**

On the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-143

Barrar	Gaydos	Markosek	Reese
Bernstine	Gillen	Marshall	Rigby
Bizzarro	Gillespie	Masser	Roae
Boback	Gleim	Matzie	Rothman
Borowicz	Goodman	McNeill	Rozzi
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Boyle	Fitzgerald	Krueger	Sappey
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Bullock	Gainey	Madden	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Malagari	Shusterman
Comitta	Harris	McCarter	Sims
Daley	Howard	Miller, D.	Sturla
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DeLissio	Kenyatta	Rabb	Williams
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Benninghoff	Culver	Galloway	McClinton
Cephas	Davidson	Harrell	Nesbit
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

### **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. We have some very special guests with us in the gallery. First of all, where is Jonah Topper? I think he is up there wearing red. Please stand. Stand up, young man. Jonah is the son of Representative Jesse Topper, and he is here today with the fourth grade class from Bedford Elementary School. And obviously, they have traveled about 2 hours here, and we are so excited. I hope you had a great day. Will you all stand. We are so honored that you would take the time to be with us. Please stand. Thank you.

### **BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB** 770, **PN 843**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for pharmacy technician and pharmacy technician trainee registration, qualifications and supervision.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration? Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes Representative Tony DeLuca on HB 770.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the majority chairman on the Professional Licensure Committee and the minority chairman and both their staffs for doing an excellent job in working bipartisanly to, once again, get this legislation before the House.

Mr. Speaker, HB 770 deals with the very basic requirements for pharmacy technicians, who assist pharmacists in filling prescription drugs. Right now in some very busy pharmacy here in the Commonwealth, one very busy pharmacist could be responsible for double-checking the work product of five or six technicians, who have never been required by the State to have any training and who have never been required to register with the Pharmacy Board and who have never even been required to submit to a background check.

Currently there is no standardized training or even minimum education requirements for pharmacy technicians in Pennsylvania, yet virtually every prescription filled in pharmacies today involves the work of pharmacy technicians. Pharmacy technicians operate in a supportive role to licensed pharmacists, and currently there is no government oversight in Pennsylvania. With the number of prescriptions increasing and the growing shortage of pharmacists, it is more important than ever that employees assisting pharmacists meet minimal universal standards. Pharmacy technicians are also playing a bigger role in hospitals, where they are asked to perform complex tasks, such as mixing the chemicals needed for chemotherapy treatment.

Now, this bill puts in place some very simple, basic steps to further enhance patient safety in the pharmacies and in our hospitals. One, it will require pharmacy technicians to register with the Pennsylvania Board of Pharmacy and submit to a criminal background check. Two, it will require pharmacy technicians to be at least 17 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent. And third, it would require pharmacy technicians to have to go through a training program approved by the Pharmacy Board.

Now, Mr. Speaker, how crazy is it that we do not even have these basic requirements in place? These are simple, commonsense safeguards so our constituents can have the additional peace of mind that everyone who was involved behind that pharmacy counter falls under the review of the Pharmacy Board. My bill, HB 770, has the support of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association, the Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the Association of Chain Drug Stores. It also brings the Commonwealth in line with many other States that require registration of pharmacy technicians. Some States even go further and require full-fledged licensing of their pharmacy techs or their pharmacist-to-pharmacy-tech ratios.

Now, Mr. Speaker, errors cost money and they cost lives. Recently in Ohio a little girl named Emily Jerry had a cancerous tumor in her abdomen. It needed aggressive chemotherapy. After many months of surgery and treatments, her parents were told she was cancer-free and could go home after one last final chemo treatment. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, that final dose was mixed incorrectly by a pharmacy technician and she died a few hours later.

Cases like this prove that this bill is needed more than ever. We should cover every base possible to prevent errors and save lives. This bill is just one more step in that direction. I have worked on this bill with the stakeholders for over 10 years, and it has passed the House by a wide margin four times already, both when it was a Democrat and when it was a Republican House.

I would like to give a shout-out to my good friend who was a former Representative who was a chairman of the Licensure Committee, Mario Civera, who worked with me on this when he was up here. States across the nation have passed similar legislation during that time. In fact, we are one of only four – only one of four States that do not have these kinds of simple requirements in place.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we take action in Pennsylvania. Let us get this passed in the House, and hopefully we will encourage our friends in the Senate to do the same. So I ask for your support.

But before – I just want to mention this, how important this bill is - I want to mention the fact of Brittany Buckley, in Florida, 5 years old, severe brain damage from a technician mistake. I would like to mention in Missouri, a pharmacy technician error changed the instructions of a prescription from once a week to once a day. The patient died shortly afterwards. I want to mention in Texas, a pharmacy technician was found stealing pills from the pharmacy and crashed their car into a home. She had four types of drugs from the pharmacy in her system. I also would like to mention in Oregon, a pharmacy technician gave the wrong prescription to a man who was hospitalized twice with chest pains and breathing problems. In Virginia, a study found that the pharmacy technicians made an average of five to seven errors a week: five to seven errors a week.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is a long time coming. Once again, I ask the House to pass it and I certainly will be working with the stakeholders to move it through the Senate this year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative GAINEY has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

### **CONSIDERATION OF HB 770 CONTINUED**

On the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-163

Barrar	Frankel	Mackenzie
Bernstine	Freeman	Madden
Bizzarro	Fritz	Mako
Boback	Gabler	Malagari
Boyle	Gaydos	Maloney
Bradford	Gillen	Markosek
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Brooks	Goodman	Matzie
Brown	Gregory	McCarter
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Burgos	Hahn	Mehaffie
Burns	Hanbidge	Mentzer
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Carroll	Harris	Mihalek
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Comitta	Hennessey	Miller, D.
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Cox	Hickernell	Mullery
Cutler	Howard	Mullins
Daley	Innamorato	Murt
Davis, A.	Irvin	Neilson
Davis, T.	Isaacson	O'Mara
Day	Jozwiak	O'Neal
Deasy	Kail	Oberlander
DeLissio	Kaufer	Ortitay
Delloso	Kauffman	Otten
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Owlett
DeLuca	Kenyatta	Pashinski
Dermody	Kim	Peifer
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Petrarca
Donatucci	Kirkland	Pickett
Driscoll	Klunk	Polinchock
Ecker	Kortz	Puskaric
Emrick	Kosierowski	Pyle
Evans	Krueger	Quinn
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### EXCUSED-14

Benninghoff	Culver	Galloway	McClinton
Cephas	Davidson	Harrell	Nesbit
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

## **GUEST INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. We have another special guest today. Members, if you will take note, up in the gallery, Matthew Causer, will you please stand. Matt just graduated from Westminster College this past weekend. He is the son of our Agriculture and Rural Affairs chair, Martin Causer. Great to have you here, Matthew.

## **BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1172**, **PN 1781**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for licensure by endorsement.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration? Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

#### **REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. Representative John Lawrence, on the bill. Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In light of the hour, I will simply submit my comments for the record, but I would appreciate an affirmative vote on the legislation. Thank you.

Mr. LAWRENCE submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

#### Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the gentleman from Lancaster for his legislation. The Commonwealth faces a tremendous and ongoing issue surrounding licensed professionals who come from another State and attempt to get licensed in Pennsylvania. The current process can be arduous and time-consuming, and I believe it is discouraging some professionals from even considering pursuing a career within the Commonwealth.

As I read the legislation, the intent seems clear to me that, for example, a doctor licensed in Ohio should be able to obtain a license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania, provided that Ohio's licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to our own. Or an architect from Virginia should be able to obtain an architect's license here in the Commonwealth, provided that Virginia's licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to our own. I appreciate that the bill, specifically on page 2, lines 10 through 13, gives each licensing board or commission the ability to determine if a jurisdiction's requirements are in keeping with Pennsylvania's, as we can certainly imagine that there are some States, territories, or foreign countries where licensing standards are not on par with what we might expect in Pennsylvania. This is an important part of the legislation that merits special mention.

In addition, by providing that the appropriate licensing board in Pennsylvania has final say on whether or not a license, certificate, registration, or permit from another State, territory, or country is or is not equivalent to Pennsylvania's requirements, the bill clearly gives each licensing board the ability to protect the scope of practice within its given area of authority. For example, a licensed interior designer in another State would not be able to obtain a Pennsylvania architecture license, since the requirements for each are not substantially equivalent. Or a dental hygienist from a Canadian province would not be able to obtain a license to practice general dentistry in the Commonwealth, since they are not substantially equivalent.

I also commend the maker of the bill for giving each licensing board this discretionary authority, since the bill extends to licenses issued by foreign countries. Certainly, the requirements for various licenses issued by various foreign countries around the world are incredibly broad, and it can be envisioned that in some nations there may be comparatively few regulations concerning licensed professions, or that some nations might issue licenses for professions not recognized in Pennsylvania. One might imagine a situation where a licensed professional in another part of the world does not have the requisite requirements necessary to practice in Pennsylvania. The prime sponsor wisely ensures that each licensing board here in the Commonwealth can make a final determination as to whether or not a country's educational institutions or licensing requirements meet Pennsylvania's standards. The boards have a professional responsibility to ensure not only the general welfare of the regulated profession, but broadly the general public and existing licensed professionals.

I encourage an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally? The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-188

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Bernstine	Fritz	Mako	Roebuck
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

The SPEAKER. I would invite our majority leader and some other members who wish to speak on resolutions. Representative Cutler, the majority leader, waives off. He has HR 229. That is Trauma Registrars Day. Representative Kathy Rapp will be speaking on HR 332. Representative McNeill has two resolutions, HR 260 and HR 261. Representative Bradford has HR 285. Representative Warner has HR 313. Representative O'Mara has HR 341, and Representative Comitta has HR 346.

We are going to begin with Representative Kathy Rapp, on HR 332.

I would ask members to please remain in your seats, if you are going to be listening to the resolutions, and we are going to just give members who are not going to stay on the floor for the resolutions a minute to step off, but otherwise I would ask everybody to please take your seats.

Representative McNeill has waived off on HR 260 and HR 261.

Members, if you could, please take your seats.

The Sergeants at Arms will shortly close the doors of the House. Members, if you could, please take your seats.

The Sergeants at Arms, please go ahead and close the doors of the House.

#### **STATEMENT BY MS. RAPP**

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Rapp, on HR 332. Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

When I originally introduced this resolution in March of 2014, it was to raise awareness and condemn the worldwide persecution of Christians and all other faiths. Many were surprised to hear that any type of persecution was even taking place.

According to Open Doors USA, a nonprofit organization that has been monitoring the worldwide persecution of Christians since the 1970s, the total number of persecuted Christians in more than 50 countries has risen from 215 million in 2018 to more than 245 million in 2019. From verbal assault to hostile feelings, attitudes, and actions, Christians in areas with severe religious restrictions pay a heavy price for their faith.

Beheadings, crucifixions, shootings, physical torture, human trafficking, rape, imprisonment, slavery, verbal and physical assault are just a few examples of the persecution that Christians experience around the globe on a daily basis. During the 2019 reporting period, in the top 50 countries, 4,136 Christians were killed for faith-related reasons - on average, that is 11 Christians killed every day for their faith - 1,266 Christian churches or Christian buildings were attacked; 2,625 Christians were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced, and imprisoned. One in nine Christians on the World Watch List experience high levels of persecution.

The most shocking news stemming from the Watch List is the persecution of Christian women. They experience double persecution - one for being a Christian and one for being a woman.

In many countries, openly following Jesus can have painful consequences. India has now entered the top 10 of the worst countries, and China continues to make worship difficult in some parts of the country. In the Middle East, where ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) has almost disappeared, fighters now have formed deadly groups and have dispersed into larger countries such as Nigeria. Some members have joined Boko Haram that have a history of enslaving Christian women and girls. A mass burial was given for women and children murdered in a raid of March 11, 2019, in Kajuru, in North Central Nigeria.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I call on the House to condemn global persecution of Christians and call on world leaders to implement policies that protect the religious liberty of Christians and other faiths around the world.

In closing, I Corinthians says, in chapter 12:26, we, as Christians, are one body. "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." We must always speak out and support necessary action to end these barbaric crimes against humanity wherever and whenever they occur.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and to all of my colleagues who supported the passage of HR 332.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Rapp.

## STATEMENT BY MR. BRADFORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Bradford is recognized on HR 285.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand in recognition of PSERS 100th anniversary. On July 1, 1919, 13 school district retirement systems merged and became the Public School Employees' Retirement System, or PSERS as we know it. PSERS was created to help women educators save for retirement, to make sure they did not go from work to poverty. One year after PSERS started, 204 of its members were granted full retirement benefits with an average annuity of \$275. Today PSERS has 489,000 members, 256,000 active and approximately 233,000 retired. The average PSERS pension is \$25,400, or \$2,100 a month. More than \$7 billion in benefits are delivered to deserving retired educators, cafeteria workers, and school bus drivers every year. These annual payments are vital not just for the retirees who receive them, but also the communities in which they live.

I want to recognize PSERS on its 100th anniversary and wish them well on another 100 years serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. WARNER

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan Warner is recognized to speak on HR 313.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on July 16, 2018, I knew very little about food allergies. Mr. Speaker, food allergies were not a topic that was brought up at town hall meetings; it was not something that I received e-mails or phone calls about. When I was in school, food allergies were never a thought. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were the staple lunchtime food. But, Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2018, my ignorance for our food allergy crisis would end. For on that day, my 4-year-old son, Benjamin Hunter Warner, picked up and touched a cashew. He did not eat it, he simply picked it up and set it back down, and shortly after that, he began eating his lunch and then started complaining about the food that he was eating being spicy, and shortly after that, he began crying uncontrollably. Shortly after that, his whole body began to turn red and he was covered in hives, as my wife and I called 911. As we waited there for 30 minutes for an ambulance, it was the longest 30 minutes of my life. Seeing his breathing begin to labor and I held my son in my arms and looked at him in his eyes and I did not know whether he was going to live or die. We spent most of that night in the hospital because of a food allergy my son had that we were unaware of.

And to make that night worse, Mr. Speaker, when we came home from the hospital, unaware of the severity of food allergies, our son had a biphasic reaction, which means after his initial anaphylactic reaction, he had another reaction almost as severe. Mr. Speaker, because of that event on July 17, my son's life, my life, my family's life was changed forever. Because when one of your children has a food allergy, you live a life of fear: fear that someone will give your child a kiss after they just ate the food that they were allergic to; fear that your child would open a door that someone just touched with the food that they were allergic to; fear that a child would unknowingly hand them the food that they were allergic to, which happened to my son with pistachios. You live in fear of birthday parties, amusement parks, restaurants, playgrounds, holidays, special events, play dates. Life outside of the allergy fortress that you created in your own home is fearful, because, Mr. Speaker, it is not a matter of if they will have another allergic reaction, it is a matter of when they will have another reaction, and you just pray to God that you or whoever they are with will be prepared for that.

Mr. Speaker, I would never wish this upon my son or family, but I will tell you that I am happy to be here today to advocate for all those children and families across this nation and across this Commonwealth that suffer from this silent disability. Mr. Speaker, there is no cure for food allergies. The only treatment for an anaphylactic reaction is epinephrine.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important for people to realize how rapidly food allergies have increased. There are currently over 30 million Americans and 6 million children affected by food allergies. The prevalence of food allergies has increased over 50 percent in the last decade, and on average, every 3 seconds someone is sent to the ER for being exposed to allergies and thousands of people and innocent children die every year from an allergic reaction.

Mr. Speaker, over the last few sessions, we have accomplished some very good things for those who suffer from allergies and I want to thank this body for the passage of HB 126, which I sponsored last session, which expands the use of EpiPens to police officers, day cares, colleges, and a whole list of other places. But, Mr. Speaker, we still have a lot to do. We have to make people aware of this law.

Mr. Speaker, I look at Congress and I look at a law that they recently passed that requires calories to be listed next to food items on the menus at chain restaurants. Mr. Speaker, while this is commendable for people that want to eat healthy, calories will not kill you after you immediately eat them. Mr. Speaker, we have an inexcusable shortage of EpiPens. There are families out there right now that do not have access to the only lifesaving medicine for their children and they are being told to use expired EpiPens. There is an inexcusable price for epinephrine, and as this body advocates for many worthwhile diseases and disabilities, I pray that we will give food allergies, which is a growing epidemic, the consideration and thought that it deserves.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Warner.

### STATEMENT BY MS. O'MARA

The SPEAKER. Representative O'Mara, on HR 341.

Ms. O'MARA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to my colleagues for adopting HR 341 to let everyone know it is time to celebrate Delco Day.

In Delco, we work hard and we play harder. We care about each other because so many families and so many generations are Delco proud. We know the best hamburgers come from Charlie's, which is now on MacDade, not behind it. We know the best cheesesteaks come from Leo's, no matter what they show on TV during the Eagles games. We know nothing beats pizza from Pica's, except maybe an inside-out from Double Decker. The woman who should host the Oscars every year, Tina Fey, is Delco proud. Only in Delco are the farms best known as "Swiss" and a Wawa can be found within blocks of your house no matter where you live. Living in Delco means we can go to the city, go down the shore, or go up to the mountains in 90 minutes or less, unless the Blue Route is backed up.

They say there is no place like home, but for us, we know there is no place like Delco. From Media to Upper Darby, Morton to Radnor, Tinicum to Havertown, each one of our own 43 communities has its own feel and personality. But despite our differences, we share the same heart and the same attitude.

When it comes to the great county of Delaware, I am proud of my home because it is all about the people. Sure, we are not the biggest county or the smallest or the richest or most crowded, but we have the greatest people anywhere.

So why is June 10 Delco Day? Not because of someone's birthday or anniversary or to mark a long ago, trivial bit of history; instead we are honoring the area code that unites us. Because no matter how different each neighborhood or block-long business district may be, there is one set of numbers that holds us together, 610.

For Delco Day, we bring together the entire community to support a charity making a difference. This year we are supporting the HEADstrong Foundation, helping to provide homes to cancer patients in Swarthmore Borough. The foundation bought and renovated Nick's House to serve families affected by cancer. Nick's House is named after the owner's son who passed away after battling cancer, and Nick's House is a home to families coming to Greater Philadelphia to take advantage of our world-class hospitals and research facilities. Nick's House is Delco. It is community, it is home, it is family.

So you can keep your Liberty Bell, your bus tours of "The Office" sites, your Capitol dome, and your three rivers. We will keep our Delco pride and our community.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative O'Mara.

### STATEMENT BY MRS. COMITTA

The SPEAKER. Representative Carolyn Comitta, on HR 346. Mrs. COMITTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Pennsylvania's children deserve the absolute best teachers. But how do they become the best? It starts with the people who train them, and this is why I introduced HR 346, declaring May 23, 2019, as "Teacher Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

As a former teacher, I remember very well how teacher educators influence and inspire those who want to devote their lives to shaping the minds of future generations. They serve as a mentor to the teachers and children look up to them. They respect and look forward to seeing their teachers when they go to school. They prepare, supervise, observe, and evaluate prospective teachers to help them achieve their fullest potential in the classroom, in turn helping our children reach their full potential.

Teacher educators are shaping our Commonwealth by sharing their methods, passion, and wisdom with anyone who is willing to learn. A student's lifelong love and interest in learning, a child's love for a certain teacher or a particular class, much of this is passed down from and can be tracked back to the teacher educator.

Too often, teacher educators are overlooked because they work behind the scenes. But it is an important endeavor that requires dedication and selfless service.

For these reasons I thank you for your support of HR 346 to declare May 23 as "Teacher Education Day" in Pennsylvania and recognize those who educate our educators.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Comitta.

## **BILLS RECOMMITTED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 630; HB 732; HB 869: HB 1050; HB 1283; HB 1387: HB 1388; HB 1350; HB 1351: HB 1352; HB 1353; HB 1354: HB 1367; HB 1368; HB 1369: HB 1370; HB 1371: HB 1372; HB 1373; HB 1374; and HB 1375.

On the question, Will the House agree to the motion? Motion was agreed to.

### **BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

HB 49; HB 364; HB 775; HB 1016; HB 1325; and HB 1402.

On the question, Will the House agree to the motion? Motion was agreed to.

### **BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 775 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question, Will the House agree to the motion? Motion was agreed to.

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## **BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 775 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question, Will the House agree to the motion? Motion was agreed to.

## **CALENDAR CONTINUED**

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 427**, **PN 1089**, entitled:

An Act providing for health insurance coverage requirements for stage four, advanced metastatic cancer.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

## **BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 427 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question, Will the House agree to the motion? Motion was agreed to.

## **BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 427 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question, Will the House agree to the motion? Motion was agreed to.

## **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, all remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Jim Struzzi moves that the House be adjourned until Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 2:24 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.